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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE
RADIO CONFERENCE (WARC) - U.S./JAPAN TALKS.

REF: GENEVA 2401, STATE 43282 AND 52330

1. A U.S. TEAM HELD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECT
CONFERENCE WITH JAPANESE MPT OFFICIALS IN TOKYO IN EARLY
SEPTEMBER 1977. A SECOND MEETING IS PLANNED FOR TOKYO IN
LATE MAY AS REPORTED IN REFTELS.

2. THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES THAT DISCUSSIONS BE HELD ON
MAY 30-31, WITH THE POSSIBILITY TO CONTINUE ON THURSDAY,
JUNE 1, IF NECESSARY. THE U.S. TEAM WILL BE HEADED BY
GLEN ROBINSON, WHO WAS NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S.
DELEGATION TO THE 1979 WARC EARLIER THIS YEAR. HE WILL
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PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST DAY OF TALKS ON TUESDAY, MAY 30.

3. IN VIEW OF ROBINSON'S PRESENCE (AND IT IS ASSUMED
THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL HIRANO AND/OR SEVERAL OF HIS KEY
ASSISTANTS WILL PARTICIPATE) IT IS SUGGESTED THAT TALKS
DURING THE FIRST DAY INCLUDE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF
FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. IMPORTANCE AND IMPACT OF THE 1979 WARC,
- B. MAJOR ALLOCATION ISSUES AND OBJECTIVES,
- C. ORBIT UTILIZATION PRINCIPLES,
- D. POLITICAL, THIRD WORLD AND OTHER FACTORS.

DURING SECOND (AND POSSIBLY THIRD) DAY OF TALKS U.S.

TEAM DESIRES A DETAILED DISCUSSION OF ALLOCATION, TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY ISSUES. THE NEXT EDITION OF FCC'S NOTICE OF INQUIRY ON 1979 WARC IS TO BE RELEASED SHORTLY AND DEPARTMENT WILL AIR POUCH COPIES FOR MPT OFFICIALS FOR USE DURING TALKS.

4. IN ADDITION TO ROBINSON, THE U.S. TEAM WILL CONSIST OF FOLLOWING PERSONS:

- A. RICHARD E. SHRUM, DEPARTMENT OF STATE (ALTERNATE TEAM LEADER)
 - B. LEO BUSS, NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION (NTIA)
 - C. HAROLD KIMBALL, NTIA
 - D. PAUL PRICE, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)
 - E. HARRY FEIGELSON, U.S. NAVY
 - F. SATYENDRANATH DAS, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.
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5. TEAM MEMBERS WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF APPROPRIATE EMBOFFS (ECO, COM, SCI, PAO, DEFENSE) ON ISSUES AND IMPORTANCE OF 1979 WARC. EMBASSY IS INVITED TO NAME EMBOFF(S) TO PARTICIPATE IN TALKS AND ADD PERSON(S) TO LIST OF U.S. PARTICIPANTS.

6. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO:

- A. CONTACT MPT OFFICIALS (FUJIOKA IS COORDINATOR) AND RE-CONFIRM MEETING DATES NOTING POSSIBILITY OF THIRD DAY.
- B. OBTAIN COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS MPT WISHES TO DISCUSS.
- C. MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN OKURA FOR SIX TEAM MEMBERS (1 DOUBLE AND 5 SINGLES) FOR PERIOD MAY 28 - JUNE 1 (5 NIGHTS). IN ADDITION ROBINSON REQUIRES ROOM (DOUBLE) FOR MAY 29 AND 30.
- D. ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF RESULTS. CHRISTOPHER

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